

## Senate Resolution 64

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Donald Eugene DeLong; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Eugene DeLong was born on January 31, 1958, in Gainesville,  
3 Georgia, and attended Baldwin High School in Milledgeville; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. DeLong served a three-year tour with the United States Air Force as a  
5 medic and dedicated six more years to serving his country with the United States Navy,  
6 serving as a nuclear reactor operator, attending naval nuclear power school and naval  
7 research laboratory prototype training, and serving on the ballistic missile submarine USS  
8 *Francis Scott Key*; and

9 WHEREAS, after his many years of selfless sacrifice guarding the liberty of the nation, Dr.  
10 DeLong's thirst for knowledge and study led him to Georgia State University, where he  
11 earned a degree in engineering, and then to the University of Georgia, where he attended the  
12 school's College of Veterinary Medicine; and

13 WHEREAS, a wonderful year for Dr. DeLong, 1994 marked his graduation from the  
14 University of Georgia and his marriage to classmate and love of his life, Dr. Dawn Drewry  
15 DeLong; and the DeLong's have gone on to be blessed with two beautiful children, Bryce and  
16 Brynn, and anxiously await the arrival of their third; and

17 WHEREAS, after practicing veterinary medicine for a year in Florida, Dr. DeLong returned  
18 home to Georgia and opened the Avalon Animal Hospital, and a decade later, he expanded  
19 his practice to open the Animal Medical Center of Monroe; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. DeLong has found his true calling in life, and his devotion to all animals  
21 is evident in the kindness, sensitivity, and skillful diagnoses he provides daily; and

22 WHEREAS, a doctor with an abundance of generosity, Dr. DeLong has a compassionate  
23 understanding of the familial relationship and bond between pets and their caretakers.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend Dr. Donald Eugene DeLong for his many contributions to the betterment and care  
26 of animals and recognize his remarkable talent as a veterinarian.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Donald Eugene DeLong.